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ACCEPTOR FOR OXIDOREDUCTASE IN MICROORGANISM CAPABLE OF  
PRODUCING SAID OXIDOREDUCTASE, AND USE OF MICROORGANISM  
PREPARED BY SAID METHOD

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 10 and 12 as follows:

-- 10. (Amended) A method for producing an oxidized form of an organic compound, the method comprising contacting the organic compound with a microorganism whose activity to regenerate an electron acceptor for oxidoreductase expressed by said microorganism is enhanced by the method comprising culturing the microorganism in a culture medium comprising a concentration of dissolved oxygen that is at least 50% less than the oxygen concentration of the medium under oxygen saturation conditions during the period that the oxidoreductase is expressed.

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